

REMARKS:

Claims 1-21 are in the case and presented for consideration.

The restriction requirement identified three groups of claims as follows:

Group I : claims 1, 2, 7-10, 13 and 15-21

Group II : claims 3, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 15-17

Group III : claims 4 and 14

In response, applicant hereby elects Group I for further prosecution in this application.

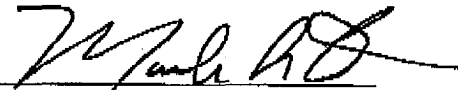
The examiner had further requested that a provisional election of species be made with respect to components a) and c) recited in claim 1. Applicant hereby provisionally elects the trihydric compound formed using 4-alkyl phenols for component a) and TMG for component c).

The examiner had noted as well that the recitation of both bisphenol and dihydric phenol containing species in the claims is considered duplicative. The examiner's suggestion to amend claims 4, 13 and 14 to remove the recitation of bisphenol species in order to avoid a rejection pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §112 is appreciated. Applicant has amended claims 4, 13, and 14 herewith as suggested by the examiner.

Accordingly, the application and claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

If any issues remain which may be resolved by telephonic communication, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the number below, if such will advance the application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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